

REMARKS

Claims 6-8, 13-15, and 21-27 are pending in this application. Claims 13-15 are withdrawn. By this amendment, claims 13-15 and 27 are cancelled. Upon entering of this amendment, claims 6-8 and 21-26 are now pending.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the finality of Office Action dated November 29, 2005 is withdrawn. Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation that claims 6-8 and 21-26 are allowed.

Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In the interest of expediting the prosecution, and without acquiescence to the rejection, Applicants hereby cancel claim 27. The rejection is thus rendered moot.

Claims 13-15 were withdrawn from consideration. In the interest of expediting the prosecution, Applicants hereby cancel claims 13-15.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is allowed. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket No. 22000-20603.10. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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